



U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE LIBRARY SUGGESTED MILITARY READING LIST

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The *U.S. Army War College Library Suggested Military Reading List* consists of contemporary books published from 2000 to the present. These books deal with topics of interest to the Army War College student and are considered to be of special value in their specific subject area. For your convenience, we have added our library call numbers to the end of each entry.

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1. Barnett, Roger W. ***Asymmetrical Warfare: Today's Challenge to U.S. Military Power***. Washington, D.C.: Brassey's, 2003. 183 pages. UA23 .B336 2003.

The author, a retired Navy Captain and professor emeritus at the U.S. Naval War College, applies analytical rigor to his study of asymmetrical warfare and provides insight into how the United States can counter this form of warfare.

2. Boot, Max. ***The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power***. New York: Basic Books, 2002. 428 pages. E181 .B722 2002.

In this highly praised and provocative book, the author looks at small wars in past U.S. history and provides lessons learned that can be applied to future wars.

3. Bunker, Robert J., ed. ***Non-State Threats and Future Wars***. Portland, OR: F. Cass, 2003. 208 pages. UA10.5 .N65 2003.

Distinguished experts in the areas of national security and law enforcement examine the dangers of the current strategic environment, and they present methods and procedures needed to respond to new enemies and new threats.

4. Casper, Lawrence E. ***Falcon Brigade: Combat and Command in Somalia and Haiti***. Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2001. 278 pages. DT407.4 .C37 2001.

The commander of the 10th Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, writes of his experiences and challenges during historic operations in Somalia and Haiti.

5. Clark, Wesley K. ***Waging Modern War: Bosnia, Kosovo, and the Future of Combat***. New York: Public Affairs, 2001. 479 pages. DR1313.8 .C41 2001.

The Supreme Allied Commander who oversaw NATO's combat operation in Kosovo in 1999 discusses the conduct, complexities, and frustrations of the campaign and offers insights and recommendations applicable to future warfare.

6. Cohen, Eliot A. ***Supreme Command: Soldiers, Statesmen and Leadership in Wartime***. New York: Free Press, 2002. 288 pages. U21.5 .C65 2002.

In exploring the wartime relationship between military leaders and civilian commanders in chief, the author, a professor of strategic studies at Johns Hopkins University, analyzes the thinking and actions of four great democratic war statesmen – Abraham Lincoln, Georges Clemenceau, Winston Churchill, and David Ben-Gurion.

7. Coker, Christopher. ***Waging War without Warriors?: The Changing Culture of Military Conflict***. Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2002. 223 pages. U21.2 .C654 2002.

As he explores the historical development of warfare, the author explains how a warrior culture or ethos has been retained by many in the East but largely subordinated to technology in the West.

8. Collins, John M., with a foreword by Robert C. Kingston. ***Military Strategy: Principles, Practices and Historical Perspectives***. Washington, D.C.: Brassey's, 2002. 333 pages. U162 .C64 2002.

A well-respected strategic thinker provides a comprehensive survey of military strategy.

9. Cordesman, Anthony H. ***The Iraq War: Strategy, Tactics, and Military Lessons***. Washington, D.C.: CSIS Press, 2003. 572 pages. DS79.76 .C56 2003.

Military analyst Anthony Cordesman examines the 2003 Iraq War and includes lessons learned pertaining to speed, jointness, intelligence, and precision.

10. Cordesman, Anthony H. ***Terrorism, Asymmetric Warfare, and Weapons of Mass Destruction: Defending the U.S. Homeland***. Westport: Praeger, 2002. 448 pages. UA23 .C673 2002.

In writing about threats to the U.S. homeland, the author covers a wide range of issues including risk assessment, types of possible future attack, government planning, and lessons to be learned from recent major commissions on terrorism.

11. D'Este, Carlo. ***Eisenhower: A Soldier's Life***. New York: Holt, 2002. 848 pages. E836 .D47 2002.

This very readable biography shows Eisenhower's strengths and flaws – personal as well as professional – and presents an analysis and appraisal of Ike's military record.

12. Dobbins, James, and others. ***America's Role in Nation-Building: From Germany to Iraq***. Santa Monica: RAND, 2003. 244 pages. E840 .A639 2003. (Besides being commercially available for purchase, this title is also available online at <http://www.rand.org/publications/MR/MR1753/>.)

RAND corporation experts have produced an informative and insightful analysis of best practices in nation-building and have earned high praise from Paul Bremer, Presidential Envoy to Iraq, who says: "I have kept a copy handy for ready consultation since my arrival in Baghdad and recommend it to anyone who wishes to understand or engage in such activities."

13. Eicher, David J. ***The Longest Night: A Military History of the Civil War***. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2001. 990 pages. E470 .E35 2001.

In this masterful account of the military aspects of the Civil War, the author provides a book that is not only a fully contained narrative but also a reference work.

14. Eisenhower, John S.D., with Joanne Thompson Eisenhower. ***Yanks: The Epic Story of the American Army in World War I***. New York: Free Press, 2001. 353 pages. D570 .E37 2001.

John Eisenhower, a veteran historian and retired brigadier general in the army reserves, says that the purpose of his book "is to strike a balance, to examine how the American Expeditionary Force came about; to describe the gargantuan efforts needed to create it, supply it, train it, and fight it; and in so doing to show how the modern Army was born."

15. Feaver, Peter D., and Richard H. Kohn, eds. ***Soldiers and Civilians: The Civil-Military Gap and American National Security***. Cambridge: MIT Press, 2001. 545 pages. UA23 .S5269 2001.

Leading scholars analyze the question of whether there is a growing divide or chasm between the military and the rest of American society.

16. Friedman, Norman. ***The Fifty-Year War: Conflict and Strategy in the Cold War***. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2000. 597 pages. D842 .F75 2000.

This book is a comprehensive narrative and interpretation of the Cold War from the beginning of it to the West's "Unexpected Victory" at the end.

17. Friedman, Norman. ***Terrorism, Afghanistan, and America's New Way of War***. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2003. 327 pages. HV6432 .F746 2003.

Strategist and historian Norman Friedman writes about the complexities of the war in Afghanistan and discusses the network-centric pattern that was employed there.

18. Gilbert, Marc Jason, ed. ***Why the North Won the Vietnam War***. New York: Palgrave, 2002. 254 pages. DS557.7 .W39 2002.

In this collection of essays, distinguished scholars such as Jeffrey Record, John Prados, and George Herring provide insights into the failure of American policy in Vietnam and explain the

reasons behind North Vietnamese success.

19. Gole, Henry G. ***The Road to Rainbow: Army Planning for Global War, 1934-1940.*** Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2003. 224 pages. U153 .G54 2003.

Drawing on previously untapped materials, the author explains the role played by students and faculty of the U.S. Army War College in the development of pre-World War II strategic plans.

20. Gray, Colin S., with a foreword by Williamson Murray. ***Strategy for Chaos: Revolutions in Military Affairs and the Evidence of History.*** Portland, OR: Frank Cass, 2002. 310 pages. U162 .G73 2002.

The author uses three historical case studies in the course of explaining his belief that “strategy and RMAs (Revolutions in Military Affairs) do not vary in their nature, structure, and dynamics from period to period.”

21. Hall, Wayne Michael. ***Stray Voltage: War in the Information Age.*** Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2003. 224 pages. UA23 .H345 2003.

Analyzing the nature of knowledge warfare and how critically important it is to prepare for it, retired Army Brigadier General Wayne Michael Hall delves into the areas of information superiority, information operations, the art of deception, and knowledge management.

22. Handel, Michael I. ***Masters of War: Classical Strategic Thought.*** 3rd ed. Portland, OR: Frank Cass, 2001. 482 pages. U27 .H36 2001.

Through detailed, textual analysis, the author explores what strategic thinkers – such as Clausewitz and Sun Tzu – actually said, and shows that these thinkers have more in common than previously supposed.

23. Hillen, John. ***Blue Helmets: The Strategy of UN Military Operations.*** 2nd ed. Washington, D.C.: Brassey's, 2000. 320 pages. KZ6376 .H55 2000.

Hillen, an international security expert, analyzes dozens of UN military operations and examines the reasons behind success or failure.

24. Howard, Michael E. ***The Invention of Peace: Reflections on War and International Order.*** New Haven: Yale University Press, 2001. 113 pages. CB481 .H59 2001.

In reviewing the history of the concept of peace, Howard explains that peace is an invention, a product of the Enlightenment, and he defines peace as “the order, however imperfect, that results from agreement between states, and can only be sustained by that agreement.”

25. Howard, Russell D., and Reid L. Sawyer, with a foreword by Barry R. McCaffrey. ***Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Understanding the New Security Environment: Readings & Interpretations.*** Guilford, CT: McGraw-Hill, 2003. 628 pages. HV6432 .H58 2003.

Two faculty members from the U.S. Military Academy draw on the writings of leading

authorities to present a broad spectrum of terrorism issues – past, present, and future.

26. Joes, Anthony J. *America and Guerrilla Warfare*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2000. 418 pages. E181 .J64 2000.

The author focuses on nine guerrilla conflicts in which the U.S. had varying roles, and he discusses the actions or policies that brought about success or failure in such warfare.

27. Keegan, John. *Intelligence in War: Knowledge of the Enemy from Napoleon to Al-Qaeda*. New York: Knopf, 2003. 387 pages. UB250 .K44 2003.

While providing a very readable history of military intelligence, renowned military historian John Keegan cautions “Intelligence is the handmaiden, not the mistress, of the warrior.”

28. Knox, MacGregor, and Williamson Murray, eds. *The Dynamics of Military Revolution, 1300-2050*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2001. 203 pages. D25 .D96 2001.

Distinguishing between “military revolutions” and “revolutions in military affairs,” the author-editors delve into history and ultimately provide insights and lessons pertinent to military innovation and future warfare.

29. Kolenda, Christopher D., ed., with a foreword by Barry R. McCaffrey and an introduction by Walter F. Ulmer, Jr. *Leadership: The Warrior’s Art*. 2nd ed. Carlisle, PA: Army War College Foundation Press, 2001. 437 pages. UB210 .L21 2001.

This thought-provoking anthology of essays by distinguished military personnel and scholars is arranged in three sections: Ancient and Modern Concepts of Leadership; Historical Case Studies; and Contemporary Experiences and Reflections on Leadership.

30. Laqueur, Walter. *No End to War: Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Continuum, 2003. 288 pages. HV6431 .L354 2003.

A leading expert on terrorism examines numerous aspects of that subject, including world trends, underlying motivations, origins of Islamist fanaticism, and the battlefields of the future.

31. Lewis, Bernard. *What Went Wrong?: Western Impact and Middle Eastern Response*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002. 180 pages. DS62.4 .L488 2002.

In this highly readable and controversial book, an eminent historian tackles the reasons for conflict between the West and many in the Muslim world.

32. Locher, James R., III, with a foreword by Sam Nunn. *Victory on the Potomac: The Goldwater-Nichols Act Unifies the Pentagon*. College Station: Texas A&M University, 2002. 524 pages. KF7252 .L51 2002.

Here is an insider’s vivid account of the long defense reorganization struggle that culminated in the passage of the Goldwater-Nichols Act.

33. Macgregor, Douglas A., with forewords by Rupert Smith and Robert H. Scales, Jr. ***Transformation under Fire: Revolutionizing How America Fights***. Westport: Praeger, 2003. 300 pages. UA25 .M15 2003.

Sure to spark discussion and debate, Colonel Douglas Macgregor offers a visionary approach to Army transformation as he delves into subjects such as effects-based thinking; transforming land power and reorganizing the Army; developing an effective approach to joint expeditionary warfare; adopting necessary changes in training and ways of leadership; and using present technologies inside new organizations.

34. Murray, Williamson, and Millett, Allan R. ***A War To Be Won: Fighting the Second World War, 1937-1945***. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2000. 656 pages. D743 .M87 2000.

This acclaimed history of World War II focuses on the operational level of war and includes character profiles of military leaders on both sides of the conflict.

35. Murray, Williamson, and Robert H. Scales, Jr. ***The Iraq War: A Military History***. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2003. 312 pages. DS79.76 .M87 2003.

Eminent military historian Williamson Murray and retired Army Major General Robert H. Scales have teamed up to provide an excellent overview of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

36. Paddock, Alfred H., Jr. ***U.S. Army Special Warfare: Its Origins***. Rev. ed. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2002. 232 pages. UA34 .S64P12 2002.

This revision of a classic study provides the history of U.S. psychological and unconventional warfare from the Second World War to the establishment of the Psychological Warfare Center at Fort Bragg in 1952.

37. Peters, Ralph. ***Beyond Baghdad: Postmodern War and Peace***, with a foreword by Barry R. McCaffrey. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 2003. 337 pages. UA23 .P271 2003.

Known for his candor and persuasive writing, Ralph Peters takes a compelling look at the 2003 Iraq War and the strategic issues facing America and its armed forces now and into the future.

38. Peters, Ralph. ***Beyond Terror: Strategy in a Changing World***. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole Books, 2002. 353 pages. HV6432 .P27 2002.

In his collection of essays, the author discusses U.S. foreign relations and military policy, analyzes terrorist motivations, and presents concrete steps for fighting terrorism.

39. Puryear, Edgar F. ***American Generalship: Character Is Everything: The Art of Command***. Novato: Presidio Press, 2000. 374 pages. UB210 .P81 2000.

Believing that character is the principal attribute of successful leaders, this Georgetown University professor examines the leadership characteristics of a large number of individuals, particularly generals from the past sixty years.

40. Rashid, Ahmed. ***Taliban: Militant Islam, Oil, and Fundamentalism in Central Asia***. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2000. 274 pages. DS371.2 .R367 2000.

Rashid, a journalist who has closely followed Afghan affairs for over twenty years, focuses here on the Taliban -- its rise to power, its ideology, operations, and relations to other countries.

41. Record, Jeffrey. ***Making War, Thinking History: Munich, Vietnam, and Presidential Uses of Power from Korea to Kosovo***. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2002. 201 pages. E176.1 .R43 2002.

The author examines how presidents have used reasoning by historical analogy to influence their decisions to employ force.

42. Scales, Robert H., Jr. ***Yellow Smoke: The Future of Land Warfare for America's Military***. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2003. 181 pages. UA23 .S21 2003.

This book by retired Army Major General Robert H. Scales provides a starting point for debate about 21st century warfare and includes "ten principles for the future" in meeting the challenges of ground warfare.

43. Stoler, Mark A. ***Allies and Adversaries: The Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Grand Alliance, and U.S. Strategy in World War II***. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2000. 380 pages. D769.1 .S76 2000.

Not only does Stoler analyze the complexities of waging coalition warfare, but he also shows the increase of military influence on U.S. national policy making from the 1930s through 1945.

44. Toner, James H. ***Morals under the Gun: The Cardinal Virtues, Military Ethics, and American Society***. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2000. 215 pages. U22 .T654 2000.

Toner, a professor of international relations and ethics at the Air War College, connects ethics and moral philosophy with the armed services as he discusses how the classical virtues of wisdom, justice, courage, and temperance lie at the core of the profession of arms.

45. Ullman, Harlan, with a foreword by John S. McCain. ***Unfinished Business: Afghanistan, the Middle East and Beyond: Defusing the Dangers That Threaten America's Security***. New York: Citadel Press, 2002. 300 pages. E895 .U45 2002.

In this highly praised book, national security expert Harlan Ullman intertwines history, strategy, and policy as he makes recommendations for how the U.S. should meet the dangers of the post 9/11 world.

46. Vandergriff, Donald E. ***The Path to Victory: America's Army and the Revolution in Human Affairs***. Novato: Presidio Press, 2002. 356 pages. UB23 .V15 2002.

On the eve of his retirement, maverick officer Donald Vandergriff has gotten the ear of top brass

with his proposals for the dramatic overhaul of Army personnel and organizational policies.

47. Weigley, Russell F. *A Great Civil War: A Military and Political History: 1861-1865*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2000. 612 pages. E468 .W425 2000.

While presenting a comprehensive survey of the Civil War, the author provides insights into military operations, analyzes the interaction of war and politics, and renders a clear critique of presidential leadership and military generalship.

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